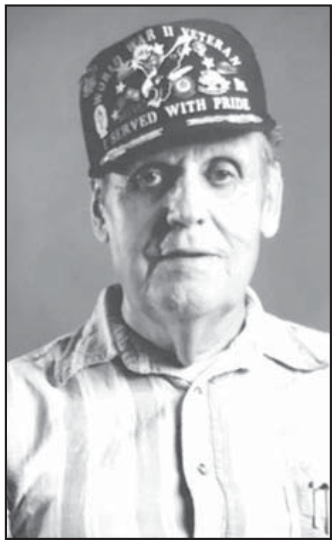


Obituaries



Homer J. Harding
Homer J. Harding, age 97, of Duck Branch Road in Bakersville, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2024 at the Blue Ridge Regional Hospital in Spruce Pine.

Born on September 30, 1926 in Yancey County, he was the son of the late Hughie and Maggie Jones Harding. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Greene Harding. Also preceding him in death were his sisters; Georgia Dale

and Emma Grace McPeters and his brothers; Charlie and Ted Harding and his son-in-law; Bill McKinney.

Homer was the oldest living World War II veteran in Mitchell County at the time of his death. He faithfully served his country in the US Navy and was in the South Pacific during war time in World War II. He served on board the USS Patuxent and the USS Noxubee, supplying the carrier fleet during the war. While offshore, during the invasion of Okinawa, Homer witnessed the intense battle for the island and the Kamikaze attacks on the US fleet. Homer's ship was anchored in Tokyo Bay during the signing of the treaty that ended WWII.

Homer also later served aboard the USS Albany as a gunner's mate, and at Boca Chica Naval Air Station, where he was a presidential party driver for President Harry S. Truman. In 1955, Homer served onboard the USS Edisto Icebreaker during the Operation Deep Freeze 1 expedition to the South Pole, led by Admiral Byrd.

After twenty-one years of active service in the US Navy, Homer retired in 1966, where he

lived in Bakersville, NC, with his wife Joyce. Left to cherish his memory is his son; David Harding of Burnsville; his daughter; Sherri (Mark) McKinney of Bakersville; his brothers; Wade (Wanda) Harding, and JC (Eloise) all of Burnsville; his sister; Shirley Mae Wilson of Micaville; five grandchildren; Amanda (Jay) Campbell, Shonda (Josh) Riddle, Erica (Bryson) Young, Nick McKinney, and Cara (Kasey) Cook; nine great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Homer was a member of the Pleasant Gap Baptist Church. He was an avid Atlanta Braves fan. He loved his family, and enjoyed gardening and animals. He volunteered with the VA Hospital in Black Mountain for thirty years. Throughout his long life, he embodied strength, wisdom, humor, and love.

Family and friends celebrated Homer's life with a memorial service on August 12 at the Webb's Funeral Home Chapel. The family is comforted by their hope that he is now with the One who carried him throughout his life, and is finally home.

The Spruce Pine BBQ Festival October 5 Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Spruce Pine

Press release for Rotary Club of Spruce Pine 2024

It is BBQ time again in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. This year is better than ever with a new location, the most delicious BBQ and exciting new music. The date is October 5, 2024 from 10 am – 9 pm and will be downtown Spruce Pine on Locust Street (locals know it as Lower Street). The Rotary club of Spruce Pine sponsors the Spruce Pine BBQ Festival and uses the proceeds to fund local non-profits in our area as well as educational opportunities in our school system.

The festival activities include award winning BBQ, many food and craft vendors, music all day, cake walk, face painting and inflatables for kids. The music schedule is as follows:

10 am – noon	Thirty Ought 6
Noon – 2 pm	JAM – Jody and Mark
2 pm – 4 pm	Carolina Bluegrass Style
4 pm – 6 pm	Michelle Leigh Band
7pm – 9 pm	TBD

Thirty Ought 6 is a great local band that loves to play music

together and entertain

JAM is a staple in our area for country as well as country rock music

Carolina Bluegrass Style is from Columbia, SC and bluegrass is their specialty

Michelle Leigh Band is southern rock and has won several awards in both Southern Rock & multi-genre. She is Mitchell County born and raised winning many Josie Music Awards for song of the year, female entertainer of the year, best performance in a music video (female), and the list goes on.

The admission charge is \$5/ person with kids 12 and under FREE. This admission charge has given us the ability to build a playground in Riverside Park, purchase a storage shed for the Giving Gardens, provide a freezer for our local food bank, college scholarships for high school seniors, and many more deserving local projects.

This year we have added a very special award that Rotary presents to outstanding community leaders. This year's "You Make A Difference Award" goes to our very own Kathy Miller. Mrs. Miller has probably taught every child music in Mitchell

County.

Please join us in downtown Spruce Pine and celebrate Mrs. Miller. The award will be presented after 4 pm. Plan to treat yourself to some delicious bbq and listen to the music.

The NC Cycle bicycle rally also will begin their ride across NC on this day in Riverside Park. We are excited to show off our town and surrounding area.

Don't miss this annual event in downtown Spruce Pine, October 5, 2024 from 10 am – 9 pm.

For more information visit our website sprucepinebbq.org or email info@sprucepinebbq.org

**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE,
YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Administrator / Executor
Notice**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Estelle Lackey Sheldon of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21 day of November, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of August, 2024.

James Edward Sheldon
188 Water Springs Hollow
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2024

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Martha Ann Faw Shumate of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21 day of November, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of August, 2024.

Randi Shumate
127 Acres Lane
Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Published August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2024

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Notice**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Bernie Franklin Deyton of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of November, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of August, 2024.

Eric Hamilton Deyton
95 R B Deyton Road
Green Mountain, NC 28740
Published August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Creditors**

Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of EDNA HIGGINS, of Greenville County, State of South Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of October, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Judy Gail Coon, Ancillary Administrator
c/o Martin Law Firm, P.A.
633 Merrimon Avenue, Suite D
Asheville, NC 28804
Published July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2024

Times Journal Deadline

Deadline for news copy, pictures, classified advertisements is 12:00 on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Copy should be brought by the office located at 22 North Main Street or mailed to Times Journal, 22 North Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having Qualified as Administrator of the Estate of William Leonard Haney, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 30th day of October, 2024, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 31st day of July, 2024.

Donna Haney Saunders, 1420 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180. The Law Office of April R. Seggerman, PLLC, 10 N. Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714. Yancey County Estate File # 2024 E 142

Published July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2024.

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YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
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DIVISION
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Notice**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Earl Johnson Rathburn of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of November, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of August, 2024.

Nancy Lynn Wolforth
1067 Arms Road
Essexville, MI 48732
Published August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals. any weekday from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County's shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY
PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA GUILFORD
COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
Joseph David Matlock vs.
James Scott Easley
24 CVS 4970
Negligence – Motor Vehicle
TO: James Scott Easley;**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: money damages for personal injuries, pain and suffering, and other damages to be determined at trial arising from a car accident near Burnsville, North Carolina on December 2, 2021. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than September 20, 2024 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 7th day of August, 2024,

John H. Wright, Attorney for the Plaintiff
McDONALD WRIGHT, LLP.
330 S. Greene St. Suite 100
Greensboro, NC 27401
Yancey Common Times Journal
Published August 7, 14, 21, 2024

NOTICE

The Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) and Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) of the High Country RPO will hold meetings on Wednesday August 21, 2024 at the High Country Council of Governments located at 468 New Market Blvd., Boone, NC 28607. The RTCC will meet at 10:00 AM and the RTAC will meet at 2:00 PM.

A public hearing for the Prioritization 7.0 Priority Needs List will be held during the RTAC meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

DAV Chapter 57 Meeting September 7 at the Masonic Lodge Building

The local DAV Chapter 57 has meetings the 1st Saturday of every month to discuss anything new with the DAV and Veteran Affairs. At our meetings we inform you of Bills that the National DAV is trying to get the House and Senate to pass and rectified. Addressing old, current and new situations is a major task for the DAV. Also, Education and Job training is available.

Attend one of our meetings and find out the importance of keeping informed of how the

Government continues to deal with it's retired and honorably discharged Veterans. You do not have to be disabled to belong. The more Veterans belonging to the DAV gives more voice to our cause.

Our next meeting is Sept. 7th, 2024 at the Masonic Lodge, the back building and enjoy lunch after with us. I think you will find others with questions and you will come out of the meeting better informed than when you came in.

Department of Motor Vehicle

While DMV continues work to address its staffing shortage, the division offers the following tips for an improved customer experience:

NCDMV sends a reminder card to the address on file sixty days before the expiration date.

Renew early - your NC driver license or ID card can be renewed up to six months before the expiration date.

Renew online – In most cases, unless they renewed online last time, customers can renew their credential online.

Make an appointment – If you must go to a driver license office in-person, DMV recommends making an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled up to 90 days in advance at skiptheline.ncdot.gov.

Be prepared – Check the DMV website to make sure you bring the required documentation for your desired service. One frequently forgotten item is a printed document proving

liability insurance.

REALID – Customers have more time to get their REAL ID as the federal implementation date requiring a REAL ID to fly commercially or to visit federal, military, and nuclear facilities has been extended to May 7, 2025.

The Burnsville, Spruce Pine and Newland offices remain with a single examiner.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church has Good News Club & JYC

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church invites everyone to join them on Wednesday evenings, 6 - 7 p.m. Good News Club is open for ages infant through 5th grade and JYC for ages 6th through 12th grade. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is located at 151 Scronce Creek Road, West Yancey just off Highway 19E in Burnsville.



New Beginnings

A Free Group for New and Expectant Moms (babies up to 6 months old are welcome)

WHEN

Fridays, 10am-12pm

Aug 23-Oct 11
Nov 1-Dec 20
Jan 10 - Feb 28
March 21 - May 16

WHERE

Yancey County
Public Library.
321 School Circle,
Burnsville

WHAT

Gather to connect with peers and care for yourself, while also learning about pregnancy, birth, & baby care.

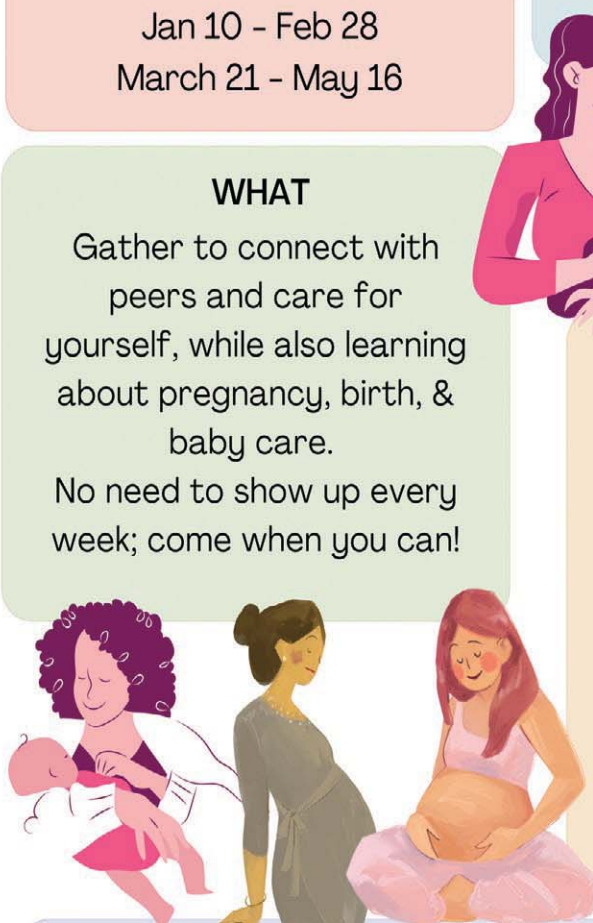
No need to show up every week; come when you can!

**QUESTIONS/
CONTACT**

Facilitators:
Molly Rouse
Postpartum Doula
Lucy Lodge
Counselor & Educator

text: 919-443-5449

Let us know by Tues if you need childcare for older children



GATHERINGS MADE POSSIBLE BY

Blue Ridge Partnership for Children and AMY Wellness Foundation